



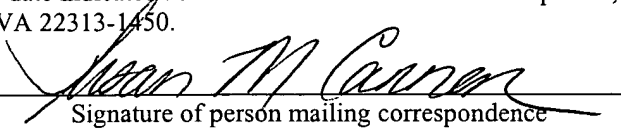
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for filing an Appeal Brief pursuant to the Notice of Appeal received by the Office on June 23, 2004 be extended for 4 months, to and including December 23, 2004. In lieu of an Appeal Brief, Applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Enclosed is a check for \$795.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

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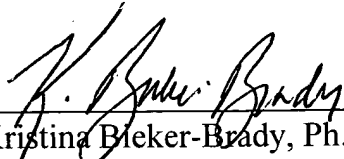
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